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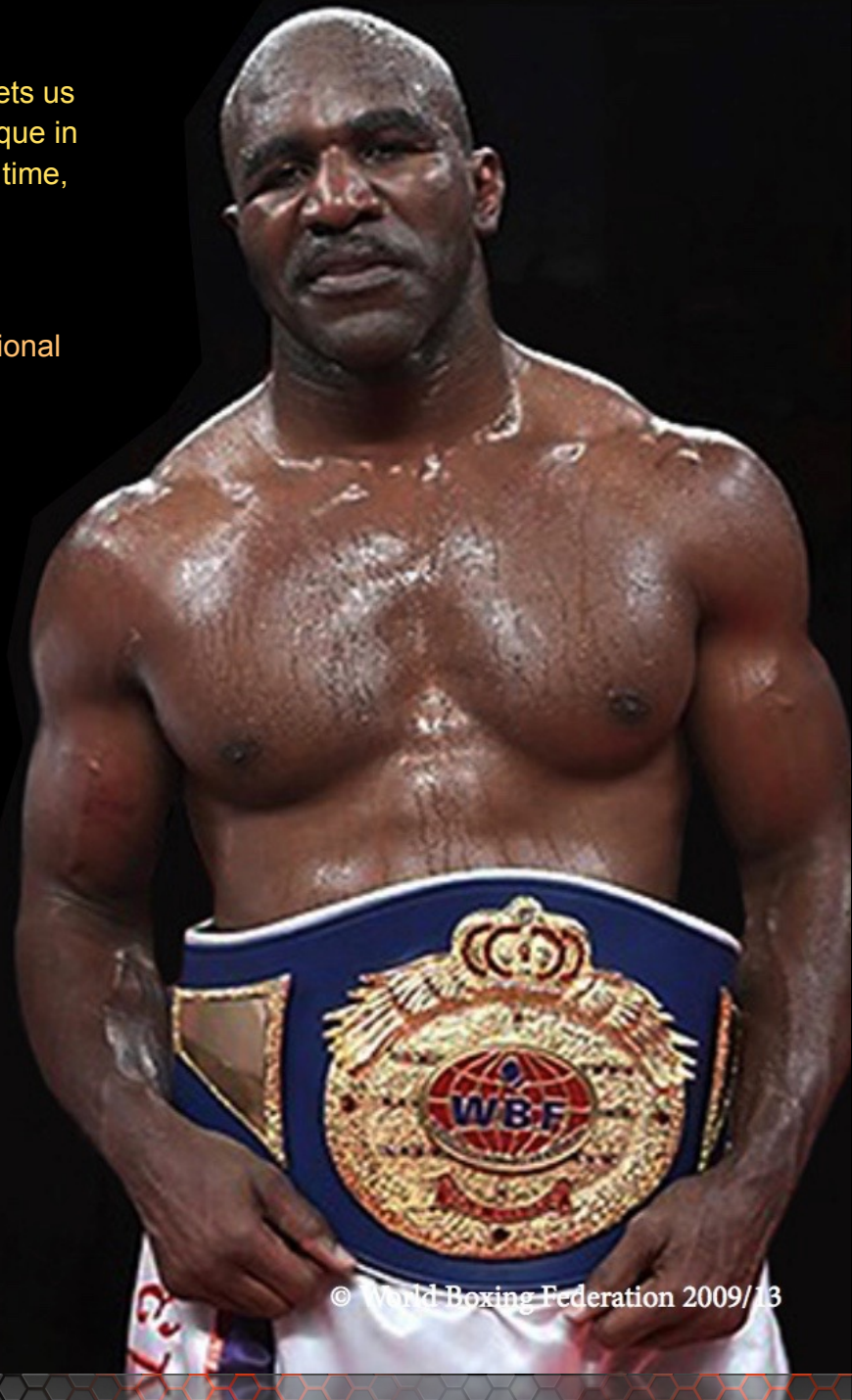


## PHILOSOPHY

The WBF brings a refreshing approach to professional boxing that sets us apart from any other organization, big or small. That approach is unique in the sport and it brings boxing back to what it should be. At the same time, our philosophy is pretty simple:

- The WBF only runs World, Intercontinental, International and regional titles, nothing more. If you win a WBF title, it is an achievement, because we don't offer any fantasy titles with fantasy names just to make a profit.
- The WBF treats everyone equally on a fair sporting level, and thus don't require or accept any luxury amenities from promoters in exchange for title opportunities, ratings or any other advantages.
- The WBF don't produce subjective, manipulated ratings, but goes by result fed to computer. This means, we play it honest, instead of favoring promoters who do us "favors" or justifying matches by way of rating manipulation.
- The WBF keeps its fees low and simple. There are no hidden costs for nobody and we don't take percentages of boxers' hard-earned purses. We want to provide a service and push the greatest sport in the world, not take advantage of it.

We are convinced that, if for nothing but these four corner stones of our philosophy, the WBF represents the future of boxing.





## WBF CONVENTIONS

The World Boxing Federation is many things, but there are also many – negative – things we are NOT and never will be. High on this list is that we don't want to be a "plastic organization" which is nothing but a mostly low-budget website and, of course, an account number for you to send your money to.



We invest in our "product" to give the boxers a real title, a title they can actually be proud of. This begins with quality reporting about our champions by a full-time Media Director who is always at your disposal and continues with top-class USA-produced championship belts instead of cheap cardboard belts put together in some obscure countries.

The most important investment, however, are our WBF Conventions where the WBF team gets together with champions, promoters, managers, officials and anyone else who has an interest in the World Boxing Federation. These get-togethers provide the opportunity for exchange, education, information and, sure enough, celebration of those people who matter most to us: The past and present Champions of the World Boxing Federation. Obviously, the WBF Championship Boxing Night traditionally is the highlight of each Convention weekend.

Make sure you don't miss the next WBF Convention and experience a true family atmosphere.

### Convention History

2010 – Tirana, Albania  
2013 – Saarbruecken, Germany  
2016 – Maribor, Slovenia (see poster right!)



## WORLD CONVENTION



Hotel Habakuk \*\*\*\*

Maribor ~ Slovenia





## ADVISORY BOARD

During its III. World Convention in Maribor, Slovenia this past September 2016, the World Boxing Federation announced the establishing of the WBF Advisory Board. The board, which will advice on various matters based on own experiences based on their outstanding knowledge in professional boxing, includes great past champions and the list of members in itself is a tribute paid to the WBF for their work.



**Juan Martin Coggi (Argentina)**

Juan Martin Coggi is a genuine Argentinean boxing icon. Nicknamed "Látigo" (or "Whip" in English), the southpaw from Santa Fe is a former three-time WBA World Lightwelterweight

Champion between 1987 and 1996. He made ten successful defenses during his three reigns, and compiled a magnificent 75-5-2 (44) record.



**Jan Zaveck (Slovenia)**

Besides winning a host of other championships, Jan Zaveck is most notably a former WBF World Superwelterweight Champion, and former IBF World Welterweight Champion.

His professional record stands at 35-4 (19).



Top, from left:  
Howard Goldberg,  
Nino Benvenuti,  
Donny Lalonde,  
Michel Mothmora,  
Werner Kreiskott,  
Nicole Wesner,  
Robin Reid,  
Jan Zaveck

Left: Mischa Nigg



## ADVISORY BOARD... (cont'd)



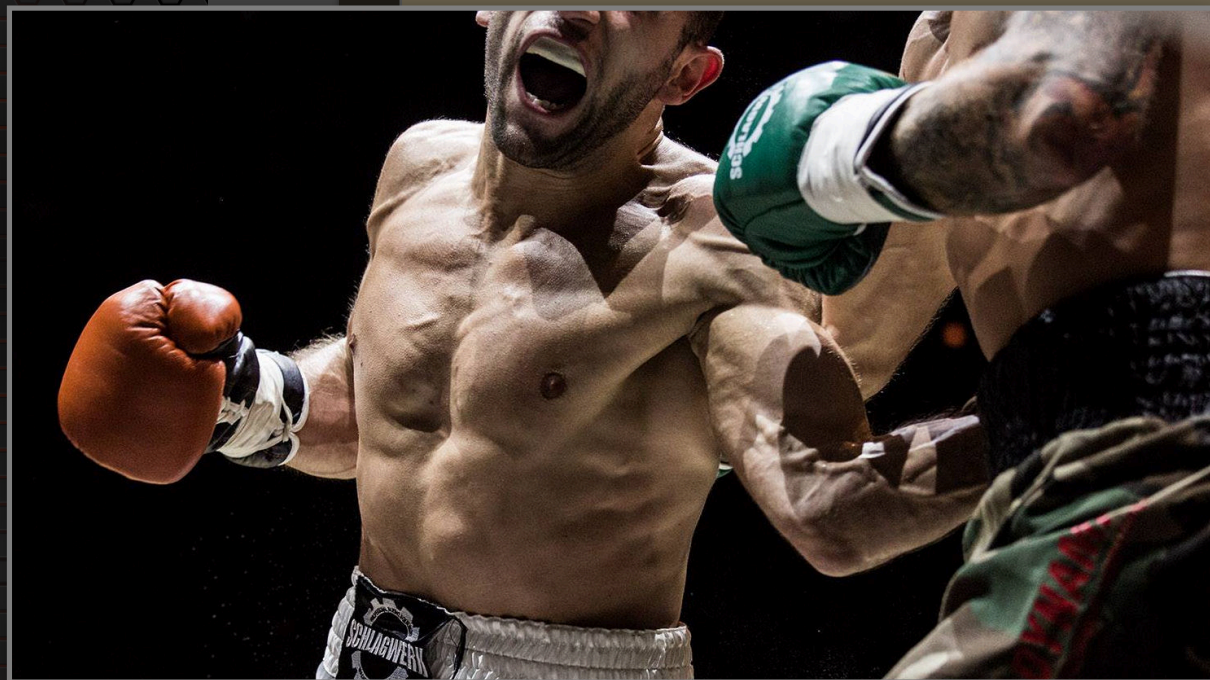
**Donny Lalonde** (Canada)

Compiling a professional record of 41-5-1 (33) between 1980 and 2003, Donny “Golden Boy” Lalonde won the WBC World Lightheavyweight title in 1987 by beating Eddie Davies. He lost the title in 1988 to one of the greatest fighters of all time, Sugar Ray Leonard, and went on to challenge for the WBA World Cruiserweight title in 1992.



**Robin Reid** (England)

After winning a bronze medal at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Robin Reid embarked on a highly successful professional career that saw him win WBF, WBC and IBO World Championships at Supermiddleweight. His final record is 42-8-1 (29).





## ADVISORY BOARD... (cont'd)



**Audley Harrison** (England)

A 2000 Olympic Superheavyweight Gold medalist, Audley Harrison never reached his potential of winning a world title as a professional. He challenged for the WBA title in 2010, losing to David

Haye. He did however become European Heavyweight Champion that same year, and retired with a fine 31-7 (23) record.



**Francois Botha** (South Africa)

The “White Buffalo”, former WBF World Heavyweight Champion Francois Botha, compiled a professional record of 48-11-3 (29), fighting the likes of living legends


Mike Tyson, Wladimir Klitschko, Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield, as well as notable former world champs Michael Moorer, Shannon Briggs and others.

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At the founding of the WBF Advisory Board, WBF President Howard Goldberg said: “It’s a true honor to have these legends commit themselves to further improve the World Boxing Federation, it is really some Advisory Board we have been able to put together. How can you not listen very carefully to what these guys have to say?”







The World Boxing Federation -  
an organization in demand and  
on the rise!

## HISTORY & FUTURE

The World Boxing Federation (WBF), originally established in 1988 in the USA, was one of the world's busiest professional boxing sanctioning organizations during the 90ies until being forced to dissolve in 2004. After a five-year interregnum period, the WBF was re-established in 2009 as bona fide non-profit sports organization properly registered in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Howard Goldberg, from Cape Town, South Africa, a former world class referee and judge, was voted as the fourth president in the WBF's history and subsequently re-elected in 2014. Under Goldberg's leadership, together with his two current Vice Presidents Jean Marcel Nartz (Germany) and Torben Seemann Hansen (Denmark), the WBF not only regained but actually exceeded its former status.

Despite strictly maintaining just four titles per division (World, Intercontinental, International and Regional), the WBF sanctioned over 400 championship contests since being re-founded in 2009. WBF title bouts took place on every continent of the globe, bar Antarctica. We supported numerous promoters to allow them to participate in championship boxing because they were avoided elsewhere. WBF World Conventions became a regular feature and brought across a fresh message to the boxing world, which fast grew tired of old and corrupted ways.



In fact, the WBF became so successful that others tried jumping on the band wagon by copying our three-letter abbreviation and trademark blue belts after creating so-called "organizations" which in reality are just private websites. But there's only one World Boxing Federation, whose future looks bright, while the imposters are merely a side note nobody cares about.

We have an abundance of plans and ideas for the future of the sport and with us boxing and the boxers will always come first. We have merely started and in the years to come we will aim at the very top. The World Boxing Federation is here to stay.





## WBF LEADERSHIP TIMELINE

### WBF Presidents (from inception):

1988 – 1989	Larry Carrier (USA)
1989 – 2003	Ron Scalf (USA)
2003 – 2004	Jonathan Feld (England)
2004 – 2009	Interregnum
2009 – current	Howard Goldberg (South Africa)

### WBF Vice Presidents (from re-establishment):

2009 – 2010	Matteo Fratini (Italy)
2009 – 2010	Ron Scalf (USA)
2010 – current	Jean Marcel Nartz (Germany)
2014 – current	Torben Seemann Hansen (Denmark)

### WBF Honory Presidents

2009 – 2013	Ylli Ndroqi (Albania)
2014 – 2016	Dr. Mathews Phosa (South Africa)



## WBF CHAMPIONSHIP BELTS

A belt for every fight, a belt for every boxer? No, says the WBF, because winning a boxing championship belt must remain an outstanding achievement in the toughest sports of all.

Cheap mass production of belts? No, says the WBF, because if winning a belt is an outstanding achievement, how can a champion one day proudly explain his success to his children and grandchildren when his belt looks cheap and falls apart?

As in all other things, quality is the key word for the WBF and that's why the WBF has produced a great set of exclusive belts in cooperation with long-time partner *Masis Boxing Belts* of New Jersey, USA, which assures top quality and prestigious, esthetic appeal. *Masis Boxing Belts* are made in-house from start to finish: The designing, casting, polishing, leathering, gold plating, etching, diamond setting – nothing is outsourced. Therefore, our trademark blue-leathered championship trophies are among the best and most recognizable in the business. WBF championship belts – a belt that truly means something. A belt for real champions!



Inter-Continental  
Champion Belt

International  
Champion Belt



Regional  
Champion  
Belt





**WBF WORLD TITLE BELT**







## STATISTICS

The WBF Championship statistic is truly impressive for one simple fact: The WBF declines to participate in the “a-title-for-every-fight” policy of other organizations. We have Regional titles and on the worldwide stage a fighter can step up from International level to Intercontinental level and then shoot for the World crown.

No meaningless Youth, Silver, Super, Diamond or whatever titles to fool the fans, the public or, in many cases, the boxers itself. A WBF title must remain something to be proud of, not a mass product as it has become with most other organizations.

In 2016, the WBF celebrated (and surpassed) its 400<sup>th</sup> WBF Championship bout since our rebirth in late 2009 for an average of almost 60 WBF-sanctioned title fights per annum. This makes the World Boxing Federation the most-sought after and fastest-rising boxing body on the market.





## STATISTICS

Average WBF Championships per Month  
(Worldwide, 2010 – 2016):

**5** WBF Title Bouts

Average WBF Championships per Year  
(Worldwide, 2010 – 2016):

**59** WBF Title Bouts

Countries with WBF Championship Activity  
(Since 2009):

**53** Countries Worldwide

Continents with WBF Activity

Africa, Asia, Europe, North  
America, South America,  
Australia

Total WBF Championships  
(Since re-establishment in 2009)

**447** WBF Title Bouts

Right:  
WBF World  
Cruiserweight  
Champion  
Taylor Mabika

Far right:  
WBF World  
Welterweight  
Champion  
Bethuel 'Tyson'  
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